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McCOMAS (MACCOMAS), JAMES (1735–1791). BORN: on September 13, 1735, in St. John's Parish, Baltimore County; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore (later became Bush River Lower Hundred, Harford) County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Daniel Maccomas (1696/97–1765) of Baltimore County, planter, son of Daniel McComas (?–ca. 1699) of Anne Arundel County and wife Elizabeth. MOTHER: Martha (ca. 1715–1786), daughter of *Daniel Scott* (ca. 1680–1744/45) and wife Elizabeth (?–1758). BROTHERS: Daniel; William (1739–?); John (1741–?); and Aquila (?–1773). SISTERS: Elizabeth (1737–?); Sarah, who married in 1764 William Bradford; Hannah (ca. 1746–?); Martha (1749–?), who married in 1765 Robert Amoss; and Mary. FIRST COUSINS: *Aquila Scott* (1756–?); *Thomas Bond, of Thomas* (?–1800). MARRIED on November 15, 1761, Elizabeth (ca. 1745–1826), daughter of Solomon Hillen (?–ca. 1747) and wife Elizabeth Raven. Elizabeth was the stepdaughter after 1748 of Thomas Wheeler (?–ca. 1770). Her brothers were Solomon (ca. 1737–1801), who married his stepsister Martha Wheeler (?–by 1769); Nathan (?–by 1752). Her step or half brothers were Benjamin Wheeler; Thomas Wheeler; and Josias Wheeler. Her step or half sisters were Charity Jenkins; Sarah Green; Susanna Wheeler; Hannah Cooper; Mary Clements; and Elizabeth Wheeler. Her stepsister was Martha Wheeler (?–by 1769). CHILDREN. SONS: William (ca. 1762–?); James (ca. 1764–?); Josias H. (ca. 1766–?); and Nathaniel (ca. 1776–?), who married in 1800 Susanna Bradford. DAUGHTERS: Martha (ca. 1770–?), who married (first name unknown) Slade; Elizabeth (ca. 1772–?), who married in 1805 William Smith; Susannah (ca. 1774–?), who married (probably Samuel) Bradford; Sarah; Charlotte; and Mary. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. John's Parish, Baltimore (later became Harford) County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1783. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; owned a sawmill in partnership with Daniel McComas by 1791. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 5th Convention, Harford County, 1775; Lower House, Harford county, 1778–1779 (determined ineligible for seat because he did not resign his colonel's commission until the third day of the election in Harford County; discharged on October 30, 1778; reelected and returned on November 25, 1778;

Tax Commissioners 3), 1779–1780, 1780–1781, 1790. LOCAL OFFICES: War Committee, Bush River Lower Hundred, Harford County, appointed 1775; justice, Harford County, appointed 1778, 1779, 1782, 1784, in office 1783, 1790; St. John's Parish Vestry, Harford County, elected 1782. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 8th Battalion, Harford County Militia, appointed April 26, 1776; lt. colonel, 8th Battalion, Harford County Militia, commissioned April 9, 1778, resigned in the fall of 1778. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: signed Bush Declaration, Harford County, March 22, 1775. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 8 slaves, 1776; assessed value £432.0.0, including 7 slaves, 14 oz. plate, 1783; 1 slave, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 397 acres in Harford County (305 acres inherited from his father, 92 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: assessed for 380 acres in Harford County and one improved lot in Abingdon, Harford County, 1783. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between February 17 and March 5, 1791, in Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: probably 380 acres in Harford County.

McCLESTER (MACCLESTER, MACCLASTER), JOHN (ca. 1672–1742). BORN: ca. 1672. IMMIGRATED: by 1696. RESIDED: in Stepney Parish, Nanticoke Hundred, Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** MOTHER: probably Margaret (?–1717). BROTHERS: probably Neal; Daniel (?–1743), a mariner; and Joseph, a justice of Somerset County, 1716–1722/23, sheriff of Somerset County, 1722/23–1725, 1734–1737, who married Isabel (1675–?), widow of James Dashiell (ca. 1660–1708/9), and daughter of George Mitchell. MARRIED Mary, daughter of Charles Scarborough (Scarburgh), Esq., and wife Elizabeth Bennett. Mary was the granddaughter of *Richard Bennett* (ca. 1608–1675). She was the niece of *Richard Bennett* (ca. 1639–1667); Ann Bennett (?–by 1694), who married second, *St. Leger Codd* (ca. 1634–ca. 1707/8). Her first cousins were Susanna Bennett (1666–1714), who married first, *John Darnall* (?–1684), and second, ca. 1686, *Henry Lowe* (?–1717); *St. Leger Codd* (?–1730). CHILDREN. SONS: Charles; John; Hugh; James; William; Samuel; and George. DAUGHTERS: Margaret, who married first, Alexander Carlyle, and second, John Hewitt Nutter; Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Brown; and Mary, who married first, (first name unknown) Heiney, and second, (first name unknown) Denney. **PRIVATE CAREER.** ED-